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- 1. SENATOR'S BRIEF VISIT TO OUAGADOUGOU HIGHLIGHTED BY CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER CONOMBO, AGRICULTURE MINISTER DAKOURE, AND PRIME MINISTER GERARD KANGO OUEDRAOGO. ALSO INCLUDED VISIT TO A GRAIN DISTRIBUTION, CENTRAL MARKET, INDIGENTS CENTER, AND AFRICAN ART SHOPS. GRAIN DISTRIBUTION WAS WELL-MANAGED AFFAIR WHICH CREATED FAVORABLE IMPRESSION.
- 2. ESPECIALLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, JAVITS STRESSED THAT HUMANITARIANISM, WHICH IS BAUIS FOR US AID TO THIS AREA, SHOULD BE TWO-WAY AFFAIR. HE URGED THAT GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS THAT OF UPPER VOLTA AID IN HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS OF REST OF WORLD BY USING THEIR INFLUENCE IN AFRO-ASIAN BLOC AND THEIR VOTES IN UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT HUMANITARIAN INTERESTS ELSEWHERE, FOR EXAMPLE ON SUCH ISSUES AS INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND AERIAL HIJACKING. REFERRING TO PRESENT AMERICAN SENTIMENT AGAINST FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT, HE SAID THAT IT BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR FRIEND OF AID TO NEEDY COUNTRIES, LIKE HIMSELF, TO OBTAIN SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR LEGISLATION NEEDED WITHOUT BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABLE TO POINT TO SOME KIND OF BENEFIT TO AMERICANS,

AND IN MOST CASES THAT COULD ONLY BE IN HUMANITARIAN FIELD.

3. AT RECEPTION AFTERWARDS AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE, FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD CHARGE HE WAS SERIOUSLY THINKING OVER SENATOR'S COMMENTS AS HE PREPARING LEAVE FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS NEXT DAY. COMMENT: BELIEVE SENATOR'S PRESENTATION BENEFICIAL. NEVERTHELESS, GOUV, WHOSE VOTING RECORD ALREADY MODERATE, WILL CONTINUE BE FOLLOWER RATHER THAN LEADER IN AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED GROUPS.

4. VISIT WAS PUBLIC RELATIONS SUCCESS, WITH BOTH PRESS AND RADIO COVERAGE EMPHASIZING SENATOR'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF BILL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DOWS 30 MILLION FOR AID TO SIX SAHEL STATES.
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